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SUBJ: PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1409

1. DURING A DISCUSSION ON JUNE 13, LOERKE OF HIJZEN' S
STAFF IN THE COMMISSION' S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR
EXTERNAL RELATIONS, APOLOGIZED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS
NOT YET RESPONDED TO OUR MARCH NOTE ON
MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND
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VEGETABLES (SEE REFTEL).

2. LOERKE SAID THE COMMISSION HAD STUDIED WITH INTEREST THE US OBJECTIONS TO THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL. HE THEN RECITED A NUMBER OF FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS ON THE PLIGHT OF COMMUNITY FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCERS AND THE NEED TO STABILIZE MARKETS. HE CLAIMED THAT, WHEN THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSALS ARE WORKED OUT, THEY WOULD NOT HARM THE INTERESTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES AND MAINTAINED THEY WOULD BE GATT CONSISTENT.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT THE CURRENT PROPOSALS WOULD, IN CERTAIN PRICE RANGES, AMOUNT TO THE EXCLUSION FROM THE EC MARKET OF FRUITS ON WHICH WE HAD GATT BINDINGS BOTH IN THE SIX AND IN THE MARKETS OF THE THREE NEW MEMBERS. WE WOULD VIEW SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WITH SERIOUS CONCERN FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN THE US NOTE. WE SAID WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR POSITIVE EC RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE WHICH REMAINS ON THE TABLE.

4. COMMENT. THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR MIPS ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ARE BEFORE THE JUNE 18-19 AGRMINS COUNCIL MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF THIS MEETING THE EC COUNCIL (FONMIN) MAY PURSUE THE MATTER AT ITS JUNE 25-26 SESSION.
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